

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOE BARNETT**, on March 11, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Joe Barnett, Chairman (R)
Rep. John L. Holden, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Ralph Lenhart, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)
Rep. Paul Clark (D)
Rep. Bill Eggers (D)
Rep. Kathleen Galvin-Halcro (D)
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)
Rep. Donald L. Hedges (R)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Rick Jore (R)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)
Rep. Sam Rose (R)
Rep. Brennan Ryan (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Bob Story (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Rick Dale (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joyce Bankhead, Committee Secretary
Todd Everts, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 178, SB 401
Posted 3/9/99
Executive Action: SB 342

HEARING ON SB 178

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Senator Linda Nelson, SD 49.

EXHIBIT(agh55a01) **EXHIBIT**(agh55a02) **EXHIBIT**(agh55a03)

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Proponents' Testimony:

Candance Payne, WIFE

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Janet Ellis, MT Audubon

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.6 - 15.6}

Mark Mackin, self from Helena **EXHIBIT**(agh55a04)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.6 - 17.6}

Ron DeYong, MT Farmers Union

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.6 - 17.9}

Arla Jean Murray, MT Cattlewomen

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Opponents' Testimony:

NONE

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Information Witness:

Jeff Hagener, DNRC

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Jean Nelson Dean, BLM **EXHIBIT**(agh55a05)

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Rep. Adams to Nelson

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Rep. Thomas to Nelson

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Rep. Lenhart to Nelson

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.7 - 26.6}

Rep. Hedges to Nelson

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Rep. Adams to Nelson

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Rep. Clark to Nelson

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Rep. Trexler to Nelson

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Rep. Barnett to Mackin

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Rep. Adams to Rep. Smith

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Rep. Guggenheim to Nelson

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Rep. Rose to Nelson referred to Mackin

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Rep. Jore to Mackin

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5.5 - 6.4}

Rep. Barnett to Nelson

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 6.4 - 6.9}

Closing by the Sponsor:

Senator Nelson closed the Hearing on SB 178.

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HEARING ON SB 401

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Senator Ric Holden, SD 1.

EXHIBIT (agh55a06) **EXHIBIT** (agh55a07) **EXHIBIT** (agh55a08) **EXHIBIT** (agh55a09)

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Proponents' Testimony:

Bob Gilbert, MT Wool Growers Assn.

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Ron DeYong, MT Farmers Union and MT Farm Bureau

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John Bloomquist, MT Stockgrowers Assn.

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Bob Stephens, MT Grain Growers Assn.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.3 - 4.5}

Opponents' Testimony:

Mike Foster, MT Contractors Assn.

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Informational Witness:

Bob Turner, MT Dept. of Transportation

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Jeff Miller, Dept. of Revenue

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.9 - 17.5}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Rep. Trexler to Holden

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Rep. Hedges to Turner

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.3 - 21.7}

Rep. Masolo to Turner

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.7 - 23.4}

Rep. Jore to Turner

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 23.4 - 25.2}

Rep. Rose to Turner

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.2 - 28.3}

Rep. Guggenheim to Holden

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Rep. Thomas to Turner

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Rep. Trexler to Turner

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5.8 - 10.5}

Rep. Clark to Turner

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 10.5 - 11.4}

Rep. Clark to Miller

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.4 - 13.9}

Rep. Rose to Miller referred to Turner

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.9 - 15.3}

Rep. Thomas to Miller referred to Turner

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 15.3 - 19.3}

Rep. Smith to Holden

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 19.3 - 20.7}

Rep. Story to Holden

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 20.7 - 21.7}

Closing by the Sponsor:

Senator Holden closed the Hearing on SB 401.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 342

Motion: REP. LENHART moved that SB 342 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

Rep. Jore

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Reps. Jore, Galvin-Halcro, Hedges, Story, Jackson, Clark, Adams, Barnett, Masolo and Rose.

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Vote: Motion carried 15-5 with Adams, Jore, Rose, Smith, and Trexler voting no.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:30 P.M.

REP. JOE BARNETT, Chairman

JOYCE BANKHEAD, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (agh55aad)